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gives information on the following: (1) Construction of bunkers in the Cottbus area, (2) Arrival of Soviet soldiers at the Loens Kaserne, (3) Rail cars standing on a siding at Welzow railroad station, (4) Construction of parachute-jumping towers at Cottbus airfield, and (5) The ranks of officers, including Polish and Czechoslovak, who have attended daily meetings in Cottbus. A sketch showing the rail cars at Welzow railroad station is also included.

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EAST GERMANY / U.S.S.R.MILITARY/AIRMiscellaneous Military and Air Activity
in COTTBUS and NEU-WELZOW areas.

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Construction of Bunkers

1. At approximately VT 514377 the Baugenossenschaft COTTBUS is building for the E.G.A. the following:

- a) 2 Bunkers, approximately 15 metres long, 5 metres wide and 3 metres in depth. Both bunkers are underground.
- b) 6 concrete foundations approximately 7 metres long and 2 metres wide, 120 cms. in depth (50 cms. above ground, 70 cms. below ground).

2. In the vicinity of the bunkers boring for water is taking place.

Troop Movement.

3. [redacted] 15 of these [redacted] were fully loaded with Russian soldiers wearing dark-red shoulder-boards.

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Movement of Artillerie.

4. On the 4th August 1959 12 guns, [redacted] approximately 15 cm., were towed through COTTBUS in the direction of LIEBEROSE.

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Rail-Transport at WELZOW station.

5. At the beginning of August 1959 the following railway [redacted] were standing in one line on a siding in WELZOW station:

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- 4 x 2-axed flats.
- 6 x 4-axed box [redacted].
- 3 x 2-axed flats.
- 2 x 2-axed G [redacted]

(See sketch at Appendix "A")

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6. The train was strongly gaurded by Russian airmen.

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Construction of Parachute-Jumping towers at COTTBUS Airfield.

7. At approximately VT 518369 two parachute jumping towers are being built.

Daily Meeting of Officers in COTTBUS.

8. [redacted] the following officers have gathered daily in a villa on the corner of WERNERSTRASSE/KARL-LIEBKNECHTSTRASSE in COTTBUS;

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Czech Officers.

1 Colonel
1 Lieutenant-Colonel.

Polish Officers.

1 Colonel
1 Major

Russian Officers.

2 Colonels.
1 Major

E.G.A. Officers.

1 Colonel.
2 Lieutenant-Colonels.
1 Major.

9. All officers wear Air Force uniform; the Czech and Polish officers live in the HAUS DER OFFIZIERE in COTTBUS and the Russian and E.G.A. officers arrive daily in cars from the direction of Berlin.

10. The inner walls of several rooms in the villa are covered with large maps.

11. [redacted] the officers mentioned in paragraph 8 visited COTTBUS, DREWITZ and JOCKSDORF Airfields.

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